

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

NEWS RELEASE

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COUNTY TO PROVIDE SANDBAGS FOR THREATENED AREAS

Free Bags and Sand Available to Residents of Unincorporated Communities

With heavy rains expected this weekend, San Diego County's Department of Public Works will provide free sand and bags at seven selected fire stations in unincorporated communities. The supplies will help residents still impacted by the Cedar and Paradise fires and along Bonita Creek where construction is underway on a flood control project.

Fire stations included in the program are:

Ramona: 3410 Dye Road

Valley Center: 28205 N. Lake Wohlford Road

16971 Hwy 76

Julian: 1587 Highway 78
Bonita: 4900 Bonita Road
Alpine: 1364 Tavern Road

Lakeside: 14008 Business Route 8

Residents must fill the bags themselves.

This is the fourth year the County has supplied sand bags for residents. Both fires devastated valuable natural soil protection and crews work year-round on projects to encourage new growth and to install erosion control devises. In addition, crews began construction on the \$5.9 million Bonita project that is expected to be done in about a year.

Sandbags are available outside fire stations 24-hours a day.

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